

FARGO CASS PUBLIC HEALTH

HARM REDUCTION CENTER SYRINGE SERVICES PROGRAM

PRESENTATION OBJECTIVES

- Detail syringe services program (SSP) implementation process
- Describe SSP services, supplies, and referrals
- Review program data



*"Several studies have found that providing sterilized equipment to people who inject drugs substantially reduces the risk of HIV infection, increases the probability that they will initiate drug treatment, and **does not** increase drug use."*

National HIV/AIDS Prevention Strategy for the United States, 2010





Fargo Cass Public Health Harm Reduction Division

~ Programs ~

- Gladys Ray Shelter
- Veteran's Drop-in Center
- Withdrawal Management Unit
- Homeless Outreach
- Community Service Coordination
- Mobile Outreach
- Harm Reduction Center
- Opioid Response & Substance Abuse Prevention



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Harm Reduction Center

- HIV & Hepatitis C rapid testing
- Narcan training & distribution
- Overdose prevention training
- Safer injection supplies & education
- Safer sex supplies & education
- Referrals

☎ 701-298-6982

📍 510 5th St N, Fargo

🕒 Monday & Thursday 4:00pm-8:00pm

🕒 Tuesday & Wednesday 1:00pm-5:00pm

🕒 Friday 8:00am-noon

Participants receive
services & supplies
free of charge

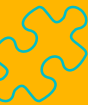
IMPLEMENTATION TEAM

- Robyn Litke Sall, SAP Coordinator
- Jeremy Kelly, Harm Reduction Specialist
- Dr. John Baird, Health Officer & Coroner
- Ruth Roman, Public Health Director
- Jan Eliassen, Harm Reduction Division Director

SSP IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS



- Legislation
- Data
- Funding
- Community Forum
- Commission meeting
- Authorization
- Neighborhood meetings
- Law enforcement meetings
- Educate staff & community partners



ND CENTURY CODE 23-01-44. SYRINGE OR NEEDLE EXCHANGE PROGRAM - AUTHORIZATION

- <https://www.legis.nd.gov/cencode/t23c01.pdf>

A law enforcement officer may not stop, search, or seize an individual based on the Individual's participation in a program under this section. Syringes and needles appropriately collected under this section are not considered drug paraphernalia as provided in chapter 19-03.4.

FUNDING

- SAMHSA grants- STR, SOR
- NDDoH grants
- Foundation seed grant
- Public health budget
- Fundraising- Impact Foundation & Giving Hearts Day event

AUTHORIZATION

- ND Department of Health has statutory authority
- Health dept. or governing body approval
- Community forum
- Implementation plan
- Bi-annual reports
- Yearly reauthorization report
- Revisions

DATA

- NDDoH intake form- helps determine services
 - Demographics
 - Drug use history
 - Medical assessment
- Return visit form
 - Method of syringe disposal
 - Site and secondary exchanges
 - Referrals, services, supplies
 - # of syringes collected & distributed
 - # of condoms, dental dams distributed
 - # of Narcan doses, saves
- MAVEN- tracked by participant code
- Community assessment data
- Epidemiological profile

THE GOOD NEIGHBOR PROJECT
HARM REDUCTION CENTER
OPEN HOUSE

WE'RE NEW HERE!

Fargo Cass Public Health invites you come
and learn more about our new program!

Monday, July 23, 2018 | 10AM-2PM

510 5th Street North, Fargo ND 58102

Contact Robyn at 701-241-1341 OR
rlitkesallefargond.gov with questions



OPEN HOUSE



NEWS CONFERENCE

The Forum newspaper
cartoon

THE HARM REDUCTION CENTER



510 5th Street N, Fargo, ND

INSIDE THE HARM REDUCTION CENTER

WAITING ROOM



ENTRANCE & RESOURCE WALL



CONSULTATION & SUPPLY ROOM



SUPPLIES

SYRINGES



SHARPS CONTAINERS, WOUND CARE SUPPLIES



SERVICES

- 24-hour sharps disposal (Sharps Kiosks), education on safe disposal
- Needs-based distribution of syringes & supplies
- HIV/HCV & STI education
- HIV/HCV rapid testing (staff, public health clinic & RAAN)
- Education on safer injection & wound care
- Education on safer sex
- Opioid overdose response training & Narcan/naloxone administration
- Housing
- Connections Group (Southeast Human Service Center)
- Art (Creative Plains Foundation)
- Recovery Coaching

SUPPLIES

- Syringes
- Cookers, cotton
- Sterile & saline water
- Tourniquets
- Hand sanitizer
- Alcohol prep pads
- Triple antibiotic ointment
- Gauze, Band-Aids
- Sharps containers
- Narcan & intramuscular naloxone
- Condoms, dental dams & lubes
- Educational materials
- Fentanyl testing strips

REFERRALS

- FCPH clinic- HIV/STD/STI screening & testing, birth control, women's health, immunizations
- Detox
- Substance use disorder treatment
- Behavioral health
- Social services
- Veterans Affairs
- Healthcare
- Sexual assault counseling & advocacy*
- Domestic violence counseling, advocacy & shelter
- Employment
- Legal

*25% of participants report being sexually assaulted

ENROLLMENTS & VISITS NARCAN DOSES & SAVES

2018	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Enrollments	13	19	34	34	33	25	34	29	17	238
Visits	20	40	88	142	181	124	172	158	152	1076
Narcan*	4	6	44	84	64	52	76	58	48	218
Saves			6	4	2	1	1	13	3	30

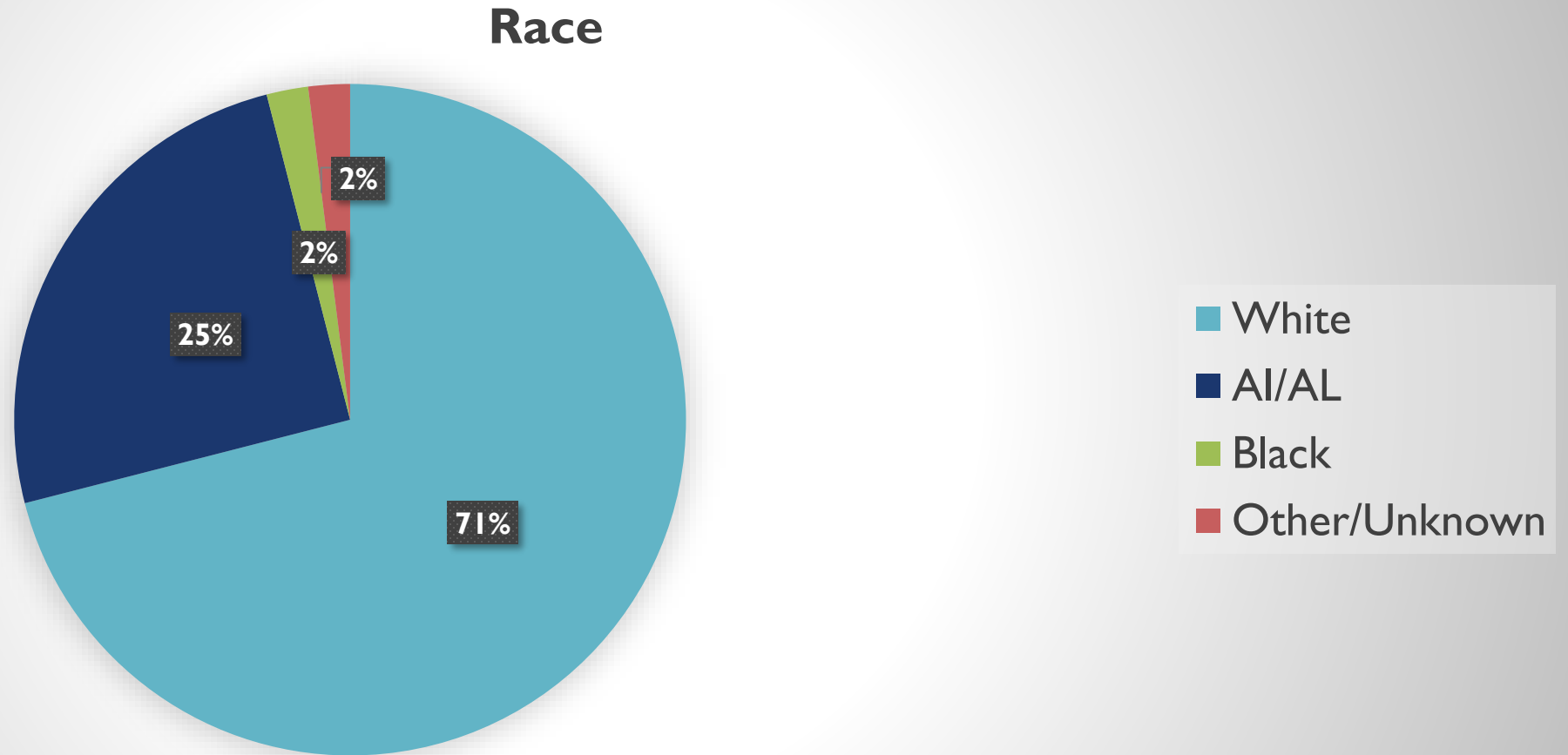
2019	Jan	Feb	372	April	May	Total
Enrollments	19	20	23	37	35	134
Visits	154	140	170	229	266	959
Narcan**	61	134	321	156	271	943
Saves	16	25	12	17	11	81

* = Kits

** = Doses

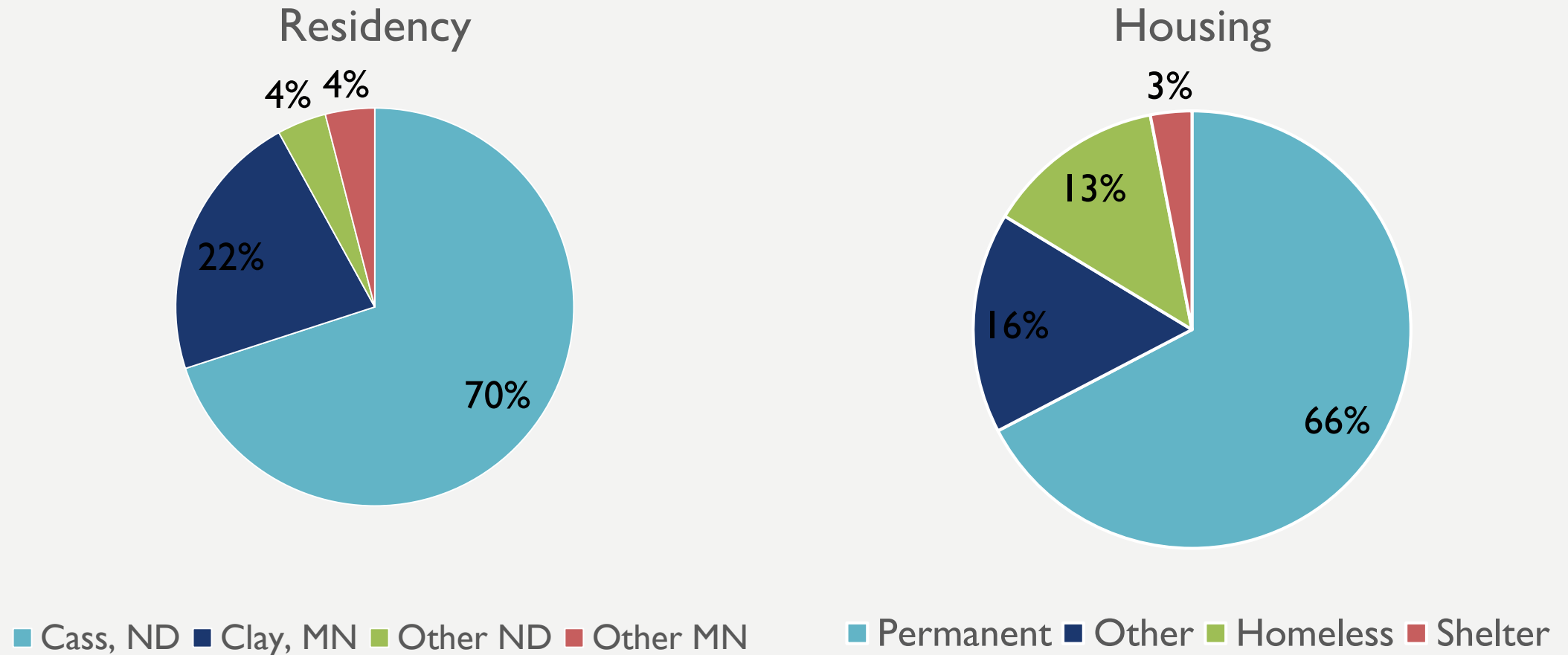
372 enrollees
2,035 visits
thru May 2019

PARTICIPANT DEMOGRAPHICS



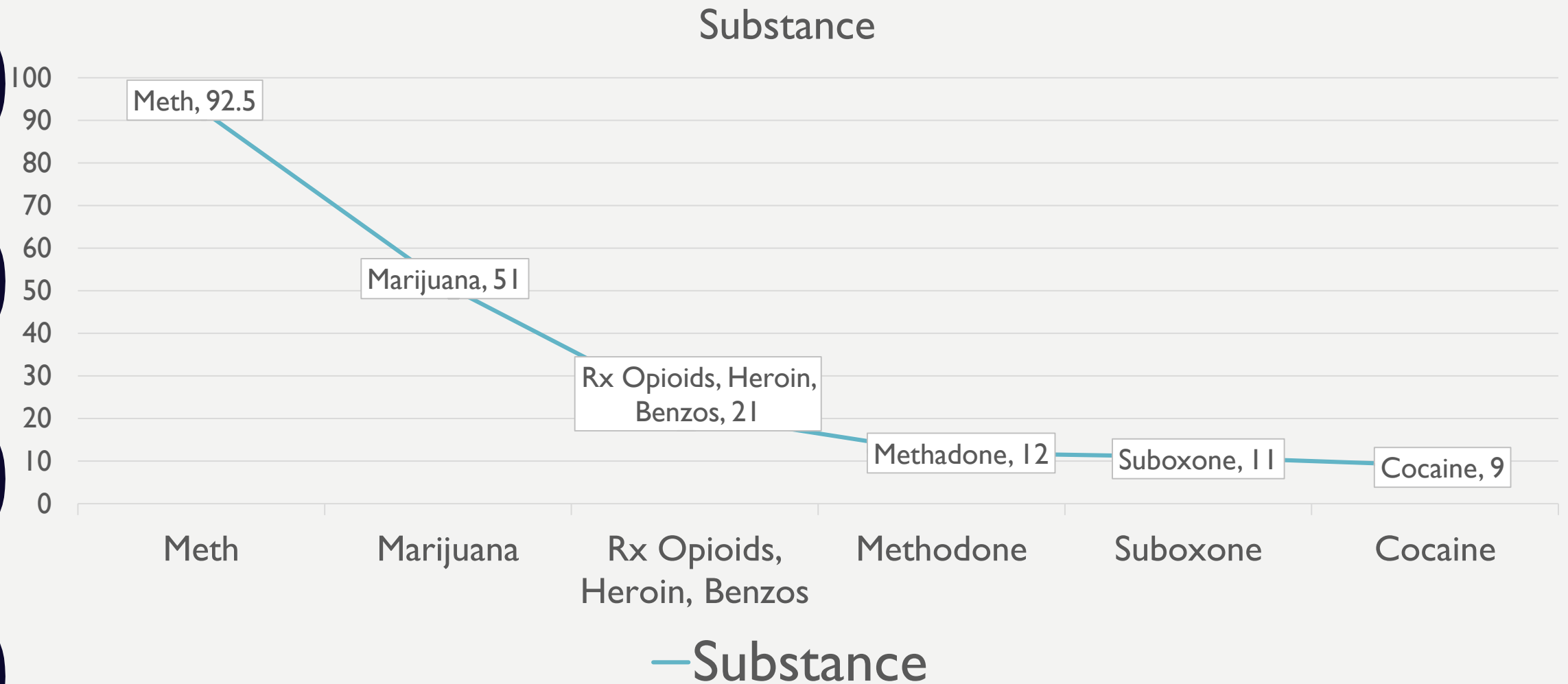
- 63% of participants are male, 37% are female, and one transgender participant

RESIDENCY, HOUSING & INCARCERATION

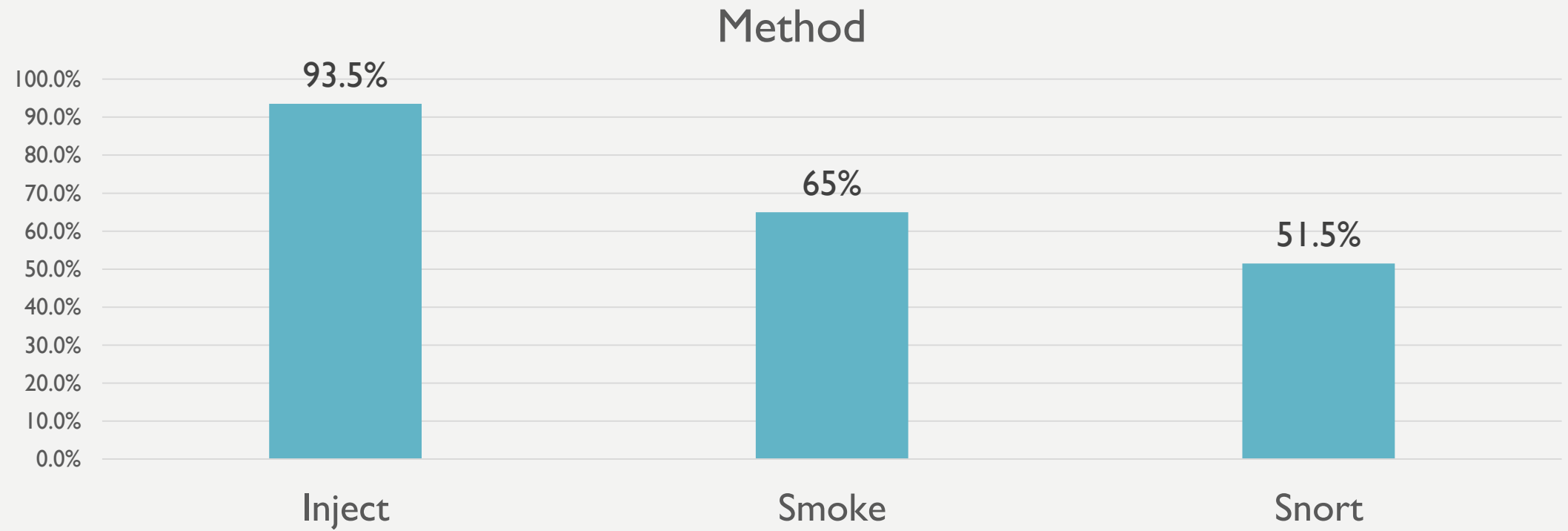


- 26.5% report incarceration in the past 90 days

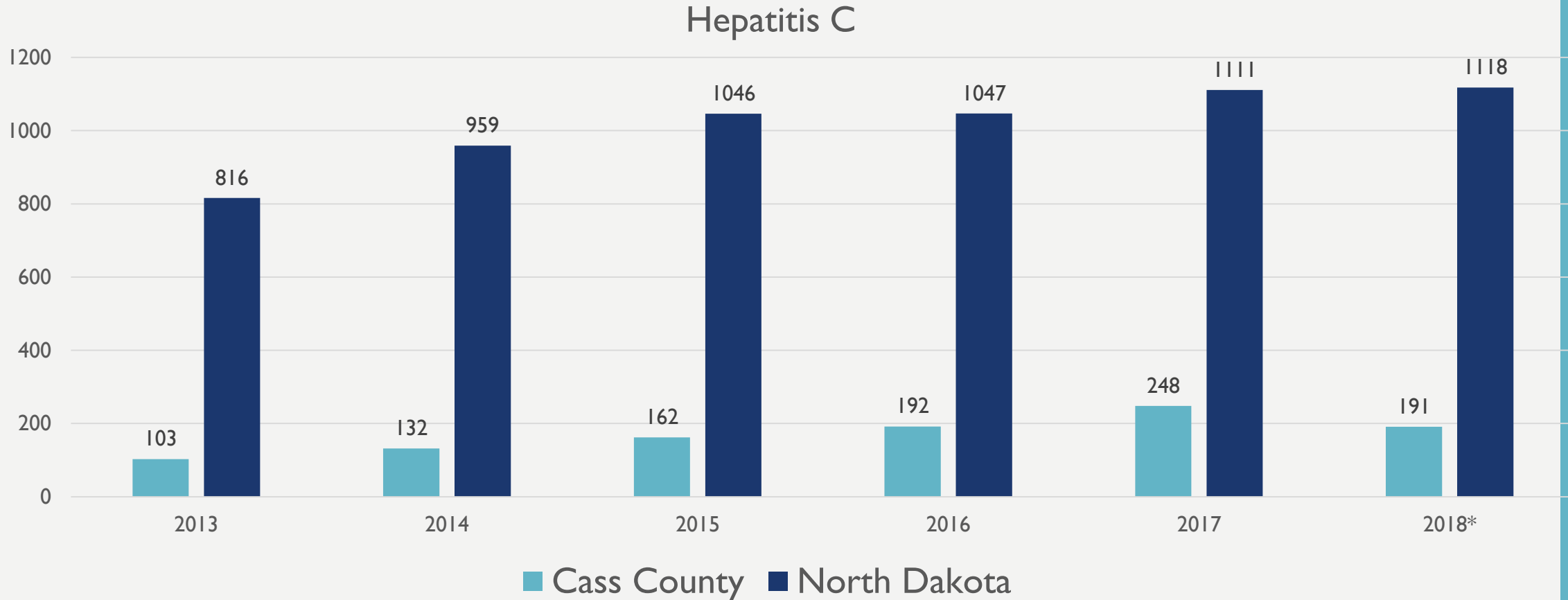
30-DAY USE



METHOD OF USE



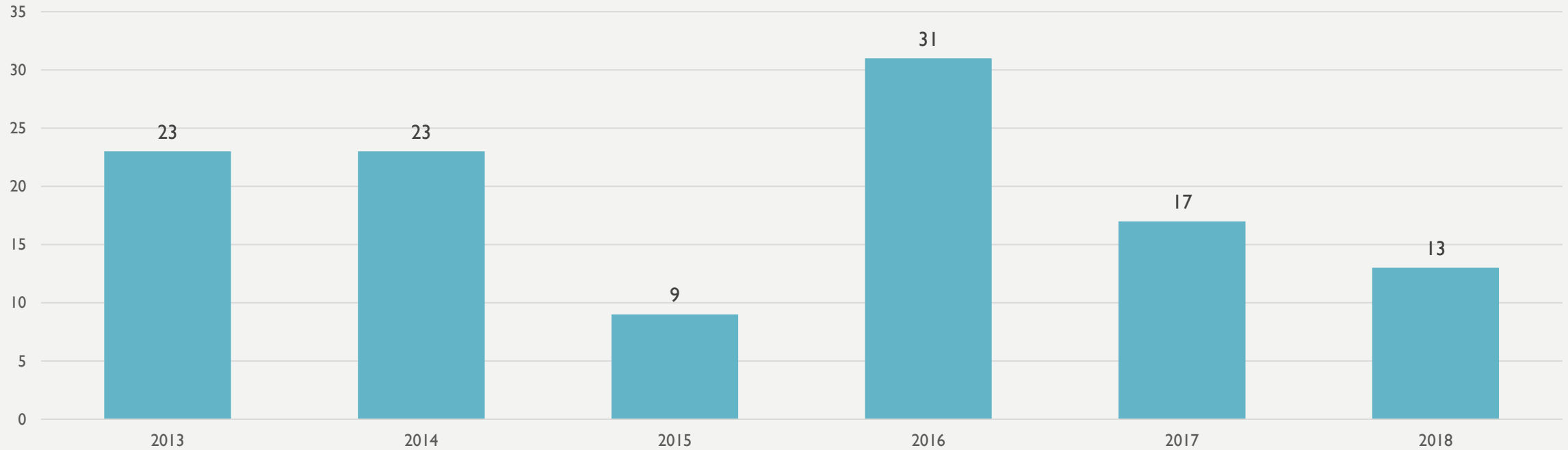
OUTCOMES- DISEASE PREVENTION



- 141% increase from 2013-2017 in Cass County, ND
- 88% of individuals 35-years-old and younger report IDU in ND

OUTCOMES- OVERDOSE PREVENTION

Cass County Coroner - Opioid-related Deaths



GOALS MOVING FORWARD

- Track referral follow through & outcomes
- Thoughtful needs-based distribution of syringes
- Converting more secondary participants to enrolled participants
- Packaging supplies
- Wall of choices
- Participant focus groups
- Supplies for safer snorting & smoking
- Outreach to special populations
- Explore outreach thru MOP



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